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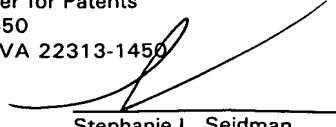
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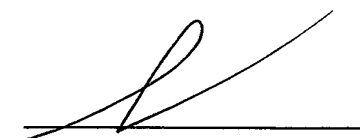
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application,  
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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which  
begins on page 20 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 113 of this paper.